

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 375

By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Charles Orr on being named
Minister of Education Emeritus of First Baptist
Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their lives and personal excellence to honoring and spreading the glory and Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Charles Eaker Orr is one such noteworthy person who has evinced the greatest integrity and probity in his 51 years of service to First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, born on August 28th, 1929 to Charles and Sula Orr, Charles is the loving brother of Emily Orr Shipper; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr was first baptized in June, 1939 at First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr received his primary and secondary education at Atkins Porter Elementary School, and E.W. Grove High School, from which he graduated in May, 1947 as Class Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, Charles Orr completed his educational training at Murray State College on May 28, 1951; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Minister of Education of First Baptist Church, Charles Orr has distinguished himself by leading countless young people to a life in Christ; he is a gentleman of the highest order and an asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Orr's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Charles Orr is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate Christian, dedicated public servant and reliable church worker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr has distinguished himself in numerous church offices throughout the years, including his work as a Young People's Worker, Training Union Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Church Clerk, Youth Week Pastor, Full-time Secretary, Deacon (elected March 14, 1954), Permanent Recording Secretary to the Deacons, and Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Charles Orr is fortunate to share both Christian love and fellowship with various pastors, with whom he has served during his illustrious 51-year career with the church: O.E. Turner, Dr. Carroll C. Owen, Bob Orr (twice-Interim), Thomas Walker, and Jerry Massey; and

WHEREAS, Charles Orr is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and he should be duly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Charles Eaker Orr for his honorable and astute service to Christians of Tennessee as the newly-appointed Minister of Education, Emeritus and salute his unswerving commitment to Christian living with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.